

House Resolution No. 2433

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, particularly its educators; and

Whereas, Terry J. Houston of St. Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the principal of Roosevelt High School in the St. Louis School District; and

Whereas, Terry Houston recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was named as the 2007-2008 Principal of the Year by the Teach for America organization, for the second consecutive year; and

Whereas, Terry Houston prepared for excellence in his chosen field of endeavor by earning a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership from St. Louis University, Principal Certification by completing the Principal's Certification Examination, and a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education/health from the University of Virginia, and he is a graduate of the Leadership Academy for Character Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

Whereas, in addition to his work in public education, Terry Houston has been involved in Special Olympics, the city of Petersburg Recreation Department, Little League, and the Bethany Baptist Church athletic program; and

Whereas, the head football coach at Soldan High School from 2003 to 2006, Terry Houston also was chairperson for the Guide Right Program of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on the campus at Virginia State University, and he is a member of Woodlin Masonic Lodge #30; and

Whereas, Terry Houston is the recipient of the 2006-2007 Principal of the Year by the Teach for America organization, the Principal of the Year award for the St. Louis Region of Secondary Principals, the Notable Teacher Award for the City of St. Petersburg Public Schools, and the Optimist Award for Outstanding Educator for the City of St. Petersburg; and

Whereas, Terry Houston is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Deborah Houston and the loving father of Thomas J. Houston, Terry J. Houston, II, and Tiffany D. Houston:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Terry Houston and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being named as the 2007-2008 Principal of the Year by the Teach for America organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Terry J. Houston.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeanette Mott Oxford
District No. 59

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2433, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker